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Applicant : Baird-Smith et al.

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CLOSURE INCLUDING A  
FLEXIBLE MEMBRANE AND A  
RIGID CAP

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## REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(A))

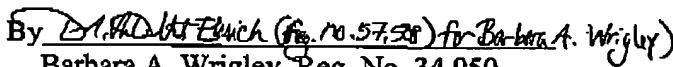
Dear Examiner:

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, thereby extending the date for timely response to December 27, 2005; December 24, 2005 being a Saturday and December 26, 2005 being a Federal holiday.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the large entity, one-month extension fee of \$120.00, as well as any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-1901 (Reference No. 350013-65/US).

Respectfully submitted,

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